COUNTY TO BEGIN RECYCLING COOKING OIL AND GREASE

Beginning immediately, used cooking oil and grease will be accepted at the County's two regional recycling facilities in Lakewood and Stafford Townships.

LAKEWOOD FACILITY: 601 New Hampshire Avenue, Lakewood, NJ

MANAHAWKIN FACILITY: 379 Haywood Rd., Manahawkin, NJ

When cooking grease is thrown down the drain it solidifies and builds up in your sewerage and septic systems. Over time this waste can clog your pipes and cause backups into your home.

This program is available only to residents and not businesses. Each household may drop off up to 5 gallons of grease and oil per day. Acceptable oils include cooking pan grease such as that of bacon, roasts, chicken, fish and so forth along with cooking oil from household deep fryers and turkey fryers.

A 300-gallon tank has been installed at both recycling centers. There is no fee to drop off the waste.

The collected cooking oils will be sold to MOPAC Rendering of Souderton, PA and turned into bio-fuels and animal feed.

There are also receptacles for items categorized as "curbside" recycling such as newspapers, paper, cardboard, cans and bottles. Additional materials that can be dropped off at the recycling centers are: cell phones, boat shrink wrap, computers, televisions and other electronics, paint cans, tires and rigid plastics such as lawn furniture, toys and buckets.

For more information on recycling log onto the Ocean County Website at www.co.ocean.nj.us under the Department of Solid Waste.

NOTE: Motor oil is not accepted as part of this program but additional receptacles remain available at both recycling centers for automotive waste.

